

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dick Armey
Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
H-329, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom DeLay
Majority Whip, U.S. House of Representatives
H-107, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader Armey and Majority Whip DeLay:

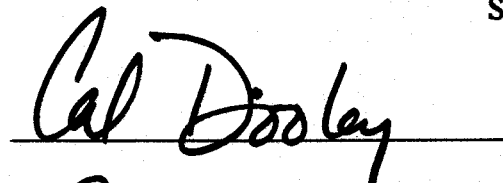
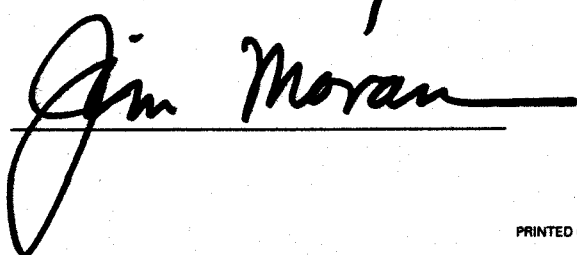
As members of the New Democrat Coalition and supporters of H.R. 1714, the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act we are writing to urge you to bring this important legislation to the floor under regular order.

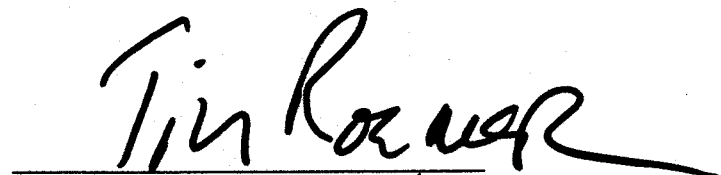
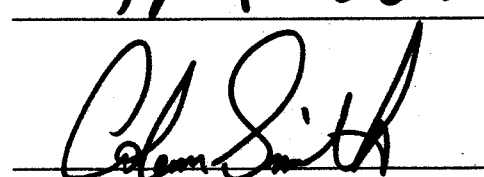
We believe that e-commerce is best supported by a national framework for businesses to accept electronic signatures, and that any digital signature legislation should not force businesses to adopt a particular technology. The Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act is an important step in moving that process forward.

This legislation is too important for it to fall prey to a process debate. Requiring digital signature legislation to meet a two-thirds vote threshold under suspension of the rules is unnecessary and we believe will continue to be unsuccessful. We would look forward to working with you to structure a rule that would be acceptable to a bipartisan coalition of members. Consideration of digital signature legislation under regular order with a properly structured rule would ensure that the legislation would move forward before Congress adjourns this year.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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